

**BOOSTER MEETING OF
COMMERCIAL CLUB****Organization Discusses Ways and
Means of Getting New Auditorium
New Post Office Building and Park**

The Commercial club held a smoker at the club room, Thursday night and discussed plans for improvements for the city. Among the projects contemplated are a new auditorium, new federal post office building and a city park. These are only a few of the many improvements which the city should have.

The election resulted in nine directors as follows: Charles Mansfield, R. M. Callaway, S. A. Chapell, W. S. Perry, H. T. Osborn, E. W. Pfau, F. E. Shaffer, S. C. Dow and J. V. Nelson. Officers chosen from these are president, Harry Osborn; vice president, J. V. Nelson; secretary, W. S. Perry and treasurer, F. E. Shaffer. Charles Mansfield, who has served successfully for two years as the club's president, is retiring from that office. The club is now firmly established, has accomplished many things for the city and the new officers will not have the hard pull of organization that the others have had. The new officers are very enthusiastic over the future of the city and expect to launch a number of big enterprises during the coming year.

Mr. Mansfield, delivered an address to the club which was inspiring and which should arouse the civic pride of every citizen. He said:

"In every city that really is a desirable and profitable place to live, there is an instinctive call for public spiritedness and civic pride. For a man in such a city to align himself with those who stand for progress and expansion in every civic detail is but a natural result of this instinctive call.

"Co-operation in any endeavor is a fundamentally wise policy. This is the age of organization. Men must act collectively these days in the larger tasks. There is competition today between cities as keen as between rivals in business and the best organized city will reap the greater results. "We believe in Monett and in our Ozark country—believe that the natural advantages are great and that organized effort will make them greater.

"During my two years as president of the Commercial club I have found that Monett has many boosters and energetic men who are always ready to help make Monett a better and bigger town and who are ever willing to assist in any worthy project. Whatever success the officers of this organization have had in helping Monett is due to that co-operation.

"I will not tell you of the things we have done or endeavored to do but would rather speak of the things that are left to be done and which I sincerely hope our newly elected officers will put over.

"Monett needs today, as never before, an auditorium, and if you will bear with me a few minutes I will read a few extracts from the System Magazine of December which tells of the experience of Holdrege, Neb. (How this town built and maintained a community auditorium will be mentioned later.)

"By every known test for ascertaining business conditions, Monett was never in a more prosperous condition. Post office receipts, freight and express receipts, together with the fact that business houses are at a premium and more in the first stage of construction, storerooms are filled up and vacant residence property is unheard of.

"We find that many business and professional men are not members of this organization. This is regrettable as the dues are small and all should lend their active assistance to the betterment of Monett.

Monett should also have a new post office and park."

The Holdrege Auditorium.

The article in System, to which Mr. Mansfield referred in his speech, is entitled, "Building Business by Waking Up a Town." It tells of methods that developed Holdrege, Neb., into one of the "livest little towns" in the state.

Ten years ago the census gave Holdrege a population of 3,007 inhabitants. The town is located in a purely agricultural country and depends upon the farmers for support. From a sleepy little town content with what came to it it has become a town of power and influence in that part of Nebraska. This was brought about by some live young men who resurrected the Commercial club and made things happen. Through their influence the town secured a new \$80,000 post office building, a modern railroad station, an attractive public library and an auditorium.

The Holdrege Auditorium Association, Inc., was formed with an authorized capital stock of \$35,000 at a par value of \$100 per share. The money was used in the summer of 1916, to erect a building seating nearly 3,000. No dividend of more than 5 per cent annually shall be paid to stockholders,

and each stockholder, regardless of the amount of stock held, has one vote only. Stock cannot be sold by the holder except to the public and surplus and undivided profits realized from the rent of the building are to be used to retire the stock. When thus retired, the building, equipment and lot upon which it stands is to be presented to the city of Holdrege or to the public, should the city care to accept it. There are 360 stockholders and the list of farmers owning stock is longer than that of the business men.

The writer says: "You know and I know that whatever and whenever a crowd congregates there is bound to be business." He goes on to tell how the club secured Galli Curci, Mme. Alda, William Howard Taft and other celebrities, ran excursion trains to the town and brought to that little city a great crowd of people.

The auditorium is used by the club for poultry shows, stock shows, school entertainments, big conventions, automobile shows, fairs and many other gatherings in the interest of the public.

The plan used by the Commercial Club of Holdrege interested our local club members very much. Monett must have an auditorium. No private individual has come forward to furnish it and it is up to the people of Monett to build one for themselves. Monett is much better able to build such a structure than the little town of Holdrege, being located in a more thickly populated country and being already the center of the trading district between Springfield and Joplin. Should such a movement be launched we predict that the response will be liberal.

**SEASON OF SNOW IS
BENEFIT TO WHEAT****Winter Covering of Tender Plants
Following Light Rains Tends
To Assure Harvest.**

A season of storm and cold weather now prevailing throughout the southwest, occasioning extra work and anxiety in connection with care of live stock, brings an element of compensation in its relation to the prospective wheat crop.

Farmers exult in the assurance of benefits to be conferred on the winter wheat, as nothing else takes the place of the snow covering, a protection from sudden changes in temperature and from damage by freezing in dry weather.

December Was Warm

A temperature of 70 degrees which prevailed during some days in December was much warmer than the wheat farmer desired, and with little frost in the ground would, if continued, produce a growth of the wheat plant in mid-winter that would be wholly undesirable.

Because of dry weather which prevailed last fall much of the wheat was late sown. Many farmers declared that the season of snow following a light rain should bring the tender plants through a critical time in excellent condition.

Aside from the protection which the snow affords as a winter crop cover, there is a popular and well founded belief that snow possesses a fertilizing quality, by making plant food available, which is not possessed by rain.

With the hog killing time on and cellars are filled with products of a prosperous year, and cider sparkling just right and the Missouri hen getting back on the job, and sleighing on the rural highways gladden the hearts of the boys and girls, the Missouri farmer and his family dwell in a realm of delight in a favored domain upon which the hand of providence never yet has failed to empty the bounteous horn of plenty.—Cowgill Blair in Joplin Globe.

**MAUDE POWELL DIES
SUDDENLY IN EAST**

Uniontown, Pa., Jan. 8.—Madam Maude Powell, well known throughout the country as a violinist, died in a hotel here today. She suffered a nervous breakdown yesterday and became so ill that her concert last night was cancelled.

WELL-KNOWN KANSAS DEAD
Emporia, Jan. 8.—Perry Maxson, a pioneer railroad builder, died at his home here today, aged 96 years. Maxson served several terms in the Kansas legislature.

**LUTHER M. BURKHART TO
GO INTO GROCER BUSINESS**
Luther M. Burkhardt has leased the building formerly occupied by Ruseha Dry Goods store and will put in a first class grocery store. The shelving is being placed and the building will be ready for occupancy soon.

Mrs. Roger Matthews was a visitor in Peirce City, Friday.

Miss Mable Solomon is expected to arrive Saturday from Neodesha, Kan., to visit relatives at Peirce City.

Miss Aurelia Hartley, of Carthage, who has been visiting her niece, Mrs. Joe Tucker, returned home Saturday morning.

**LAWRENCE COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT**

The regular January term of the Lawrence County Circuit Court begins next Monday. The docket is a lighter one than usual and court is not likely to hold more than two weeks. On the docket there are 63 equity cases of which 21 are suits for divorce. There are 28 cases on the criminal docket, quite a number of them being continued from the September term. Half of them are for different grades of burglary and larceny, three for assault, three for attempted rape and one each for disturbing the peace, forgery and disturbing religious worship.—Chieftain.

**NEW CORPORATION
FOR AURORA**

Wednesday evening a new corporation was formed in Aurora—The International Book Concern. The concern is starting off with twenty-three stockholders and incorporation papers for \$5,000 are being drawn up today and a charter will be applied for.

The purpose of the incorporation will be the buying, printing and selling of books, manuscripts, etc., and will offer for sale any book printed.

The officers elected last night are: W. F. Phelps, president; C. V. Wheat, vice president; J. A. Gregory, treasurer; Dr. C. A. Moore, secretary, and N. V. H. Walker, manager.—Aurora Daily News.

**BREAKMAN LOSES ARM IN
ACCIDENT AT CARTHAGE**

Carthage, Mo., Jan. 8.—Lex Ball, a Frisco brakeman residing at Monett, Mo., had his right arm amputated at the shoulder at the Carthage hospital this afternoon as a result of injuries he received when he fell beneath the wheels of a moving car while engaged with a switching crew in the Frisco yards about 11 o'clock this morning. The injured man was taken to the hospital in an ambulance from the Knell Undertaking Company, where Dr. F. B. Chapman and Dr. K. E. Baker removed the crushed arm.

Ball is 30 years old and has a wife and two children living in Monett.

**REGULAR BUSINESS
SESSION CITY COUNCIL**

The city council met in regular monthly business session, Tuesday afternoon, allowed bills for current expenses and passed on the reports of the city officials.

Bert Robbins, city engineer, filed his written report on the completion of grading and paving with mine chat of Scott street from Central avenue east to Ninth street. The city attorney was instructed to draft an ordinance levying a tax for the payment of the same.

J. H. Wagner, chief of the fire department, reported four fire alarms during the month of December. Of these only one required the throwing of water, this being the fire at the McCampbell barber shop on December Second.

J. L. Hobbs, police judge and R. A. Gardner, city marshal, reported only five arrests during the month of December. Of these four were drunks and one for speeding. Fines collected amounted to \$27.25. Meals were served to the amount of \$1.25.

Edgar Masoner, city electric light and water superintendent made a report of the work done by his department. Four water meters were repaired, four new ones were installed and twenty-two meter box covers were used in replacing broken ones. They repaired the water line to the Pintach gas plant, the pipes having been washed out at the creek crossing during the flood.

Mr. Brady, of Joplin, replaced the clutch at pump No. 3. All the pumps at the city wells are now in good order and doing good work.

The department had some trouble the first of the month which burned out an unusual number of street lights. They put in fifty-six new lights during the month of December.

They finished cleaning the limbs interfering with the electric light wires which is making much difference in line trouble as well as leakage of current.

Mr. Masoner also divided and arranged the transformers on the line south of Broadway to give equal distribution of current and better lights.

Uncle Sam Chumbley returned this morning from Paducah, Ky., where he had been visiting a daughter. Just about so long is a plenty for Uncle Sam away from this section of Missouri. He usually manages to have a sick spell of some kind and comes back here for "his health." This time it was an attack of boils—and if anything on earth is calculated to make a man homesick we can't think of anything that will do the job quicker or more thoroughly than that. Uncle Sam will visit with his children here, at Marionville, Republic, Monett and other points.—Aurora Advertiser.

Mrs. Drexel Atkinson, who has been visiting her parents at Cassville, went to St. Louis, January 2, to join her husband who is employed by a dry goods wholesale house.

**WIFE OF FRISCO
SWITCHMAN DEAD**

Mrs. Erpha Beulah Jolley, wife of Sam P. Jolley, Frisco switchman, died Thursday evening about eight o'clock of carcinoma of sigmoid, following an illness of several months. She was 31 years old and leaves a husband and four children, Florence, Ruth, Robert and Samuel Jolley.

The remains were shipped to Lebanon her birthplace, Friday morning for burial.

**LAWRENCE COUNTY
MARRIAGE LICENSES**

E. J. Standridge	Galena
Vera Pampell	Galena
Robert B. Harness	Kansas City
Freda M. Fenton	Mt. Vernon
Paul O. Sandmeyer	Marion, Ia.
Della Smith	Mt. Vernon
Clairen J. Shaffer	Miller
Leona C. Goodman	Peirce City
W. O. Reiman	Mt. Vernon
Eva Zinn	Statts City

TATE-SULLINGER

Miss Jessie Tate and Mr. Perry Sullinger, both of Peirce City, were united in marriage, Tuesday, January 6, at Carthage, Mo. They were attended by Miss Lela Tate, sister to the bride, and Owen Boucher. They will make their home on the farm of J. P. Sullinger, father of the groom.

Both are well known in Monett and are extended congratulations by their friends. The bride-groom is a brother to Mrs. J. E. Nothern, 305 Third street.

SOUTH MONETT

Miss Maggie Mourand, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Jane Bounous.

Miss Blanche Walton and James Huffmaster, visited with Miss Ethel Lee, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. W. Mayhew spent Tuesday of last week with her daughter, Mrs. Ervin Thomas.

Herb Walton had business in Cassville last week.

Mrs. A. Bounous and Mrs. Phil Bounous and baby visited Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. D. L. Lautaret.

Miss Lorine Ennis was the guest of Miss Lilly Young, Sunday.

Frank Williams of Purdy visited his brother, Ernest Williams and family, Saturday.

Mrs. Bert Bounous returned home Wednesday after a visit with her sister, Mrs. Brown.

Mrs. Frank Young and daughter, Miss Lilly and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Rhea motored to Cassville, Friday.

A. L. McClintock has rented the Lyons property on Sycamore street. Rufus Sizer, of Okmulgee, Okla., was a business visitor in Monett, Friday.

Mrs. Mabel Bauer, of near Verona, who was operated upon at West hospital, will return to her home Sunday.

B. F. Philips, of Springfield, was among the out-of-town visitors in Monett, Friday.

Ernest E. Johnston, of Tulsa, Okla., was in Monett today on business matters.

R. W. Welsh left last night for St. Louis to attend a Route Agents conference, Friday and Saturday.

F. H. Kaase has sold his cottage, 613 Fifth street, to O. W. Wilks, who will make that his residence.

Isbell & Northcutt have just installed a new Ford truck in order to take care of their increasing business.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Humboldt, of Humansville, Mo., came Friday morning to visit relatives in Monett.

Clyde Combs, who has been confined to his home on account of illness, is able to be out again.

Mrs. E. H. Weems left Friday morning for Tulsa, Okla., to visit relatives.

Mrs. Walter Swartzel is visiting her sister, Mrs. Maud Spicer, of Springfield.

Miss Lulu Clark has accepted the position as cashier at the Commercial Cafe.

Miss Hazel Pitts went to Rudy, Ark., Friday morning, to spend the week end with relatives.

J. W. Northcutt, who has been ill for the past two months, is again able to be out. He is a member of the grocery firm of Isbell & Northcutt.

Mrs. W. L. Dunigan and daughter, Mrs. James E. Studebaker went to Neodesha, Kansas, Friday morning to spend several days with relatives.

Several of our citizens were telling around town about the first 12 days in January giving a sample of the kind of weather each month would have in order of their number, but when it snowed in May, Monday, the prophets struck for the woods.—Lawrence Chieftain.

CARD OF THANKS

We sincerely thank our neighbors and friends for the kindness and sympathy in our bereavement in the loss of our wife and mother.

J. H. Lassiter,
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lassiter,
Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Thomason.

**DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL
CONVENTION AT FRISCO****Resolutions Indorsing Treaty of
Versailles Adopted by Committeemen
—June 28, Date of Big Meeting**

Washington, Jan. 8.—San Francisco was selected today by the democratic national committee in session here as the place for the party's 1920 national convention.

After twenty-seven votes had been cast Kansas City and other cities withdrew and the vote for San Francisco was unanimous.

Monday, June 28, was fixed as the convention date.

Resolutions endorsing the treaty of Versailles and denouncing as unpatriotic the attitude of senators who would defeat it directly or by nullifying reservations was unanimously adopted today by the democratic national committee in session here.

**NEW ROAD SURVEYS IN
LAWRENCE COUNTY**

On Monday County Surveyor Heagerty received orders from the County Court in Session at Mt. Vernon to make surveys on four new pieces of road.

Two of them are at the Brick church northeast of Mt. Vernon. One is the relocation of the center of the road, and the other is a new one quarter mile of road past the Pleasant View school house.

A quarter mile of new road is ordered surveyed a mile north of Halltown to connect the mail route with two established roads.

A short piece of new road is ordered surveyed south of Verona running south and east around the foot of the hill at the head of Spring River.

The surveyor's report on the new Erickson road at the spring west of Verona was postponed until the February term of court.

The surveyor's report on the Don M. Wilkinson road near Lawrenceburg filed and approved by the Court, but some of the land owners having refused to sign right of way, commissioners will be appointed to view the road, assess the damages and report at the February term of county court.—Aurora Advertiser.

Tom Feehan has accepted a position with Isbell & Northcutt's grocery.

C. I. Williams has purchased two dwellings from J. L. Dorris and has resold them.

Mrs. H. H. Brown, of Joplin, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Walsh.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Willis are the parents of a daughter, born Tuesday, January 6, whom they have named Eva Louise.

Will Wright, of Iona, Mo., who has been visiting his uncle, Dr. Wm. Wright, returned home Saturday morning.

Ernest Johnston, of Tulsa, Okla., who has been in town on business matters and to visit relatives, returned home Saturday morning.

Mrs. J. T. Davidson, Mrs. W. E. Davidson, of Exeter, Mrs. Bert Elsey and little son, of Mountain Grove, came this morning to visit Mr. and Mrs. Luther M. Davidson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Powers, of South Monett, are both confined home on account of illness. Mrs. A. Hayse is assisting in the store during their absence.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Keller went to Springfield, Friday, to visit Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Geister. Mr. Keller is suffering from a broken wrist sustained when he was thrown from the coach at Dawson, Okla. He is a freight brakeman.

James Chapman of near this city, concluded a deal Tuesday with John Holland of Monett, for the T. J. Lasher farm of 100 acres at Forest Grove school house, for \$4,000, where he will make his home.—Cassville Democrat.

BEATING THE COAL TRUST

A certain fellow out in Kansas has the reputation of being the meanest man in the state. He never buys any coal. He lives near the railroad and makes faces at the engineer.—Exchange.

Patriotism is like filial affection; something to feel, and not to acquire.—Globe-Democrat.

The census enumerator says he is having no difficulty in getting the women to tell their ages. There was one exception in which the woman told him to "put down whatever he wanted to, he would never know the truth."

TRUSTEE'S SALE

Whereas, J. G. Stark and Mary Stark by their certain Deed of Trust dated the 21st day of July 1911, and Recorded in the Records Office of Barry County, Missouri, in Book 59 at Page 136, conveyed to the undersigned Trustee, the following described real estate, situated in Barry County, Missouri, to wit:

Lots Number 169, in Block Number 32, in Withers' Second Addition to the Town of Plymouth—now a part of the City of Monett, Missouri, to secure the payment of a certain promissory Note in said Deed of Trust, described and mentioned and the interest thereon.

Whereas, it is proved in said Deed of Trust, that in case of a default in the payment of said Note when it becomes due with the interest thereon; then the undersigned Trustee at the request of the legal holder of said Note, may sell the Real estate described in said Deed of Trust for the purpose of satisfying and discharging said indebtedness, and

Whereas, default has been made in the payment of said Note and interest thereon.

Now, Therefore, I, John E. Bass, Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note, will on Monday the 2nd day of February 1920, between the hours of Nine o'clock a. m., and Five o'clock p. m., of said day sell at public vendue, to the highest bidder for cash, at the Southeast door of the Monett State Bank, in the city of Monett, Barry County, Missouri, the Real Estate above described to satisfy said Note and interest due on said Note and all expense of executing this Trust.

JOHN E. BASS, Trustee.
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Mrs. W. F. Phelps and daughter, Virginia, of Aurora, spent Friday at Monett, the guests of Mrs. W. F. Landrum.

Mrs. Polk Bayless, of Cassville, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Barr, of Exeter, died January 1, age 41 years. She leaves husband and four children.

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